

## **Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline**

**TITLE:** Treatment and Transfer Guidelines of Burn Injured Personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/200\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To establish protocols facilitating the safe consultation or transfer of burn injured patients to the proper facility for \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department, in accordance with American Burn Association guidelines and municipal, state or union policy.

**SCOPE:** All \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department personnel

**RESPONSIBILITY:** All \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department personnel.

**DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this policy burn injury includes all of the following categories; flame, scald/steam, chemical, electrical, contact burns and smoke inhalation injury.

A burn treatment facility is a medical facility dedicated to the comprehensive care and rehabilitation of burn injured patients and is recognized by the American Burn Association. Regional burn treatment facilities serving the New Jersey area include:

- The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, New Jersey
- Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Lehigh Valley Hospital Burn Unit, Allentown, Pennsylvania
- New York Hospital Presbyterian Cornell Burn Unit, New York City, New York

**POLICY:** In accordance with established American Burn Association recommendations and The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas guidelines, all burn injured personnel meeting criteria for transport to a burn treatment facility, as determined through consultation with a burn physician, will be transferred as soon as possible, after stabilization.

Any burn-injured patient not requiring burn center admission, or their designated representative, may contact a certified burn treatment facility for outpatient consultative and/or follow-up burn wound care.

**PROCEEDURE:** Any patient meeting the criteria may be transferred to a regional certified burn treatment facility. In New Jersey that facility is The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas, located in Livingston. Transfer may be arranged by contacting a burn facility directly. For direct contact and transfer arrangements to The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas call **(973) 322-5920**.

Transport may be by air or ground and will be determined at the time of transfer. Direct transfer will be determined by local emergency medical personnel and/ or the receiving burn facility. Interfacility transfer will be determined by the referring physician and the burn treatment facility physician. Arrangements for transport will be made at the time of referral.

Outpatient consultation and patient follow-up appointments may be arranged by contacting a burn treatment facility. To arrange an appointment or to consult with a burn physician regarding patient care or follow-up at The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas, call **(973) 322-5924**.

Any individual, medical or non-medical, may contact The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas to request care or to inquire about proper medical treatment and transport. For all burn patients with concomitant traumatic injuries, trauma care will take precedence, requiring immediate transfer to a trauma service. Once life-threatening trauma is resolved and the patient is medically stable, transfer arrangements to a burn treatment facility may be arranged by contacting the burn treatment facility directly.

**EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND INSERVICING:** In New Jersey The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas offers free, educational clinical presentations on stabilization and transport of the burn patient. To arrange one of these programs contact Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation at **(973) 322-8071**.

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